(b) the reasons for delay in taking a final decision regarding opening of new Kendriya Vidyalayas and by when a final decision will be .taken in this regard; and

(c) the total number of such schools wherein teaching is being done with the help of computer and the Government's plan regarding rest of the schools alongwith the complete details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) No decision has been taken as regards to number of new Kendriya Vidyalayas to be opened in the year 2005-06.

(b) The Decision to open new Kendriya Vidyalayas requires approval at an appropriate level after consultation with other nodal Ministries/ Departments and Planning Commission, and is also subject to availability of necessary funds. Therefore, it is difficult to indicate a specific date by which final decision can be taken.

(c) In 863 out of 917 functional Kendriya Vidyalayas, computers are being used to supplement the class room teaching. Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan has planned to provide computer labs in the remaining schools so that computer-aided teaching will be possible in those schools as well.

NP-NSPE Scheme in States

3064. SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of NP-NPSE, the funds earmarked under the .scheme and allocation made to the States during the last five years, year-wise and State-wise;

(b) whether it is a fact that funds are not released on a regular basis to the States, thereby hampering continued implementation of the midday meal scheme by the State Governments;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether Karnataka Government has requested for release of funds towards cooking cost; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the Centre's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) Prior to revision

of National Programme of Nutritional Support to Primary Education (Mid-Day Meal Scheme) in September, 2004, only foodgrains were being allocated to States/UTs by the Central Govt. Under the revised scheme, central assistance towards cooking cost® Re. 1 per child per school day has been introduced. Position of funds released Statewise-yearwise is given in the Statement.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) In view of (b) above, does not arise.

(d) and (e) Rs. 6590.00 lakh and Rs. 10,704.99 lakh have been released during 2004-05 and 2005-06 respectively to Govt, of Karnataka towards cooking cost.

Statement

State-wise Central Assistance released towards Cooking Cost during 2004-05 & 2005-06

(Rs. in lakh)

SI. No.	States/UTs	Funds released towards cooking cost	
		For 2004-05 (Sep'04-ApnT05)	For 2005-06
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
1	Andhra Pradesh	7,601.00	12,441.80
2	Arunachal Pradesh	277.00	396.24
3	Assam	2,311.00	5,462.37
4	Bihar	7,082.00	16,030.20
5	Chhattisgarh	3,974.00	5,204.57
6	Goa	60.00	119.34
7	Gujarat	4,804.00	7,157.70
8	Haryana	2,174.00	3,464.38
9	Himachal	845.00	1,429.61
10	Jammu & Kashmir	247.00	1,468.84
11	Jharkhand	1,620.00	8,404.89
12	Karnataka	6,590.00	10,704.99
13	Kerala	2,453.00	2,890.17
14	Madhya Pradesh	13,259.00	18,613.56

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
15	Maharashtra	13,995.00	7,919.95
16	Manipur	219.00	501.43
17	Meghalaya	544.00	687.78
18	Mizoram	64.00	152.42
19	Nagaland	246.00	397.66
20	Orissa	7,356.00	1,917.52
21	Punjab	746.00	563.90
22	Rajasthan	13,151.00	11,479.63
23	Sikkim	65.00	260.38
24	Tamil Nadu	5,819.00	8,964.30
25	Tripura	702.00	1,063.91
26	Uttaranchal	1,234.00	1,553.09
27	Uttar Pradesh	17,067.00	29,553.00
28	West Bengal	6,993.00	28,043.56
	TOTAL:	121,498.00	186,847.19

IIT Status to certain Engineering Colleges

†3065. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are contemplating to grant the status of IIT to certain Engineering colleges in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have received the reports of S.K. Joshi and Prof. Anand Krishanan Committees in this regard;

(d) the names of the colleges which have been recommended to be provided the status of IIT by both the said Committees; and

(e) the details of the steps being taken by Government on the recommendations of the said Committees?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.